

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

May 5, 2010

The Honorable,  
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

### ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Beavers, Gainer, Gorman and Peraica (5)

Absent: Vice Chairman Steele and Commissioner Moreno (2)

Also Present: Commissioner Sims (1)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Environmental Control of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the hour of 9:30 AM in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following item and upon adoption of this report, the recommendations are as follows:

299723 COOK COUNTY CLEAN AND GREEN (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Deborah Sims, County Commissioner.

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### COOK COUNTY CLEAN AND GREEN

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board seeks to protect its employees and preserve the natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama has made the environment and energy a priority by introducing a \$150 billion plan to create green jobs and energy independence; and

**WHEREAS**, Green Seal (GS-37) is the most recognized certifier of green cleaning products in the United States. GS-37 certified products go through a stringent, science-based evaluation process to show that they have less impact on the environment and human health; and

**WHEREAS**, there is substantial evidence showing that GS-37 approved cleaning supplies are not harmful to one's health and do not release toxic fumes as do conventional chemical products; and

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**WHEREAS**, conventional cleaning products and GS-37 certified cleaning products are comparably priced; and

**WHEREAS**, GS-37 certified products are readily available to Cook County suppliers, vendors and anyone who wishes to purchase them; and

**WHEREAS**, pre-measured and concentrated cleaning products offer substantial help to the environment, reduce shipping costs, increase available storage space, prevent waste and increase accountability among Cook County Board employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners seeks to implement a Green Cleaning Supply Ordinance that requires that all cleaning products used in Cook County facilities, purchased by Cook County and contracted vendors be Green Seal (GS-37) certified in order to help the environment and preserve the health of Cook County employees and residents. Pre-measured and concentrated cleaning products will be included in all bids for Cook County Board cleaning products.

\* Referred to the Committee on Environmental Control on 4/2/09.

\*\* Deferred on 7/21/09.

**Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Beavers moved to Receive and File Communication No 299723.**

Commissioner Silvestri and Commissioner Sims will meet with Kevin Givens (Director of Environmental Control) to revise the proposed resolution.

**Following discussion, Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Beavers, moved to Defer consideration of (Comm. No. 299723). The motion carried.**

Chairman Silvestri asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-108(dd):

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

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**Commissioner Gainer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Beavers. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.**

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 299723

Deferred

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee on Environmental Control

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Peter N. Silvestri, Chairman

Attest:

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Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

\*\* The audio recording for this meeting is available from the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, IL 60602.